scavengers and assistance for their subsequent rehabilitation in other alternative occupations. The Scheme is being implemented through State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations. Setting up of 'Sanitary Marts' has been taken up for organizing the scavengers into groups, which will manage the mart and take up conversion of dry latrines to wet latrines and sale of various sanitary goods.

(d) The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis has been given power under the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993.

Inclusion of dalit Christians in SC list

3045. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to include Dalit Christians in SC list;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Proposal for inclusion of Dalit Christians in the list of Scheduled Caste is being processed in accordance with modalities laid down in this regard. No time frame can be assigned, as it involves consultation with a number of agencies.

(c) Does not arise.

Effect of privatisation of PSUs on SC/ST employees

3046. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments decision to privatize some of their undertakings/ corporations is likely to affect the persons belonging to SC/ST as their new employees may not retain them;

(b) if so, what precautionary steps have been taken to safeguard the interest of SC/ST employees; and

(c) the prospects of further recruitment and promotion avenues to SCs/STs in such undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration.

Implementation of provisions of Disabilities Act, 1995 in CAG and other accounting organisations

3047. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether provisions contained in the Persons with the Disabilities (Equal Opportunity and Full Participation) Act, 1995 are being implemented for the benefit of disabled in States/ UTs in true spirit;

(b) whether clauses of the Act relating to reservation of jobs and appointment through promotion have been implemented by CAG, and other accounting organizations while filling up posts of JAO/ SAS through promotion;

(c) whether handicapped persons promoted as Junior Accounts Officers can be reverted without any charges;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not the number of cases in which JAOs have been reverted during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The implementation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 requires a multi-sectoral collaborative approach of all the Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments/UT Administrations and other appropriate authorities. They have all been requested to take necessary action to implement provisions of the Act concerning them. The action taken in this regard includes constitution of State Coordination Committee and State Executive Committee, appointment of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities; 3% reservation in jobs, and appointment of competent authority for registration of NGOs.

(b) to (e) As per Department of Personnel and Training's clarification, reservation for persons with disabilities for filling up posts in Junior Accounts Officer (Group B) cadre is applicable, if appointment is by direct recruitment. As all posts in the Junior Accounts Officer's cadre are filled by promotion, there is no separate reservation for persons with disabilities in the cadre.